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## **MONTANA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

BILLINGS – Stephen Quinn, a 45-year-old resident of Harwood Heights, Illinois, was sentenced today to a term of 60 months in federal prison in connection with his guilty plea to interstate transportation of a minor and violation of the Communications Decency Act. Quinn was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$300 and will be under supervision for life.

In an Offer of Proof filed by the United States, the government stated it would have proved at trial the following:

In May of 2005, Quinn came under investigation by the FBI after the agency received information that Quinn had engaged in a sexual relationship with a juvenile male. Quinn and the juvenile male made contact in a gay chat room on the Internet in June of 2003, when the juvenile was fifteen.

Quinn resided in Illinois and the juvenile male resided in Montana. The Internet relationship included sexually explicit conversations and webcam sexual activity.

In July of 2004, Quinn traveled to Montana and engaged in sexual activity with the juvenile male, then age sixteen. The Internet relationship continued after the Montana trip.

In August of 2004, Quinn flew the juvenile to Illinois so the two could attend a concert in Wisconsin. Quinn picked the juvenile up in Illinois and drove him to Wisconsin where they attended the concert and engaged in sexual activity.

The juvenile was under the legal age of consent in Wisconsin, which is eighteen; and, also under the legal age of consent in Illinois, which is seventeen. Quinn and the juvenile returned to Illinois, where the juvenile then flew back to Montana.

In approximately October of 2004, Quinn came to Montana again to visit the juvenile. They again engaged in sexual activity. Quinn also purchased various items for the juvenile which included telephone calling cards, a digital camera, and other items. Quinn also purchased alcohol for the two to drink when they were together.

In NOVEMBER of 2004, Quinn accused the juvenile of “cheating” on him, and in December of 2004, the juvenile terminated the relationship with Quinn.

On May 6, 2005, Quinn called the juvenile's mother, identifying himself as Curtis Wayne. Quinn told the juvenile's mother that the juvenile had been luring older men on the Internet for sex, told her detailed information about each of her children, and about the juvenile's physical attributes.

On May 17, 2005, Quinn again spoke with the juvenile's mother in a telephone conversation which was recorded by the FBI.

Quinn then began contacting the juvenile by telephone, e-mail, and text messaging. The e-mails and messages which included insults, threats, and repeated references to their failed sexual relationship, were retrieved and reviewed by the FBI.

The FBI located documentation from the airlines, hotels, and Quinn's credit cards that confirmed the Illinois/Wisconsin trip.

Quinn's supervisor at his place of employment in Illinois identified the juvenile as a person that Quinn brought to the job in the summer of 2004 and introduced as his nephew. The FBI also found letters from Quinn discussing the trip, the relationship, and a photograph of the juvenile that was taken in front of the hotel in Wisconsin. Also found were chat logs showing Quinn's desire to engage in sexual activity with the juvenile and envelopes from Quinn's employer that he used to send letters to the juvenile.

When questioned, Quinn admitted that he had traveled to Montana to see the juvenile and that the juvenile had traveled to Illinois and then on to Wisconsin with him.

Quinn denied knowing that the juvenile was only sixteen when they engaged in sexual activity; however, e-mails between the two clearly documented Quinn's knowledge of the juvenile's age.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the "truth in sentencing" guidelines mandate that Quinn will likely serve **all** of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, Quinn does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for "good behavior." However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia K. Hurd prosecuted the case.

"This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/)."

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